

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS Minutes of the Regular Meeting
January 11, 2022, 8:00 pm
In Person at the Freedom Township Hall

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Supervisor Lindemann called the meeting to order at 8:00pm

Members present: Lindemann, Bristle, Layher, Huehl, Schaible absent: none 5 was present in the audience

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Change to Agenda: none

4. Approval of Minutes: Moved by Schaible supported by Layher to: Approve the December 14, 2021, Township Board minutes. Motion carried with all Ayes CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Huehl supported by Schaible to: Approve December 14, 2021, Treasurer's report as corrected.
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Huehl, Layher, Lindemann, Bristle, Schaible Nay: none CARRIED

6. Communications: Supervisor Lindemann reported receiving the monthly MTA magazine. The annual MTA conference will be held in-person and virtually April 26-28, 2022. He also received an email from the state treasury with reporting requirements for the ARPA funds. The next supervisor meeting will be Jan. 27th at noon at ~~Loe~~ ScioTwp. He asked if there are any questions to share at that meeting and the board brought up security cameras and concerns with the Wash. Co. road commission's workloads due to lack of employees and increase in road projects.

7. Public Comment: Lon Nordeen shared that the public hearing last week for the proposed zoning ordinance amendment in regard to solar energy was well attended and informative. In regard to the ARPA dollars the township should look into projector equipment for the town hall, ways to continue to address safety concerns and infrastructure for the township. Jared Mauch with Washtenaw Fiber Properties, LLC gave a brief presentation on the areas of the township that he will be serving with fiber lines for broadband internet.

8. Reports:

State Police/Washtenaw County Sheriff Report: December Report showed there were 26 calls with 14 handled by the Mich. St. Police, 2 by Wash. Co., and 10 were administratively cleared.

Manchester Fire Department Report: There were 8 calls for the month of December.

Planning Commission report: The P.C. met last Tuesday and held a public hearing for feedback on a zoning amendment for alternative energy sources. A guest speaker from MSU, Charles Gould, gave a presentation on alternate solar energy sources and ways to keep the land in agricultural production. Elections were held and Matt Little will remain the chair, Mike Bossory is the vice-chair, Susan Ochs secretary and Carol Huehl will continue as the recording secretary. A full copy of the PC minutes is available from clerk or on twp. website.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: no report for January

Zoning Inspector – Jim Coval submitted no zonings for the month of December. Coval had a meeting with the builders at 11240 Hieber Rd. and reviewed the site plan. It has been sent onto the township planner for review. 2021 zonings covered 20 permits issued for roofing, 6-agricultural barns, 11-repairs, 4-new homes, 2-attached garages and 1-detached garage.

Library- Elissa Weidmayer submitted a report for the Jan. meeting.

Clerk report: Clerk and Treasurer are working with IT Right and BS&A on the new software programs for payroll, accounts payable and general ledger for the township. Bristle will create the W2s and 1099s to complete the 2021 tax filings and plans to have them in the mail next week. A thank you card was received from the Washtenaw County Solid Waste Division and the Conservation District for the agricultural tire pick up event held at the town hall last month. Bristle is working with I.T. Right to get official emails set up for the township.

9. Unfinished Business:

Recognition for Previous Township Officials- Layher has ordered the clock in memory of Dale Weidmayer and it should be here at the Feb. meeting.

Cost recovery Ordinance- A draft ordinance was proposed at the last meeting.

Motion by Huehl supported by Layher: To change the proposed cost recovery ordinance from Augusta Twp to fit Freedom Township. Motion carried with all Ayes CARRIED

10. New Business:

Manchester Library Delegate- Motion by Lindemann seconded by Bristle to appoint Alex McKay as the second Manchester Library Delegate from Freedom Township. Motion carried with all Ayes CARRIED

11. Warrants: Motion by Schaible supported by Huehl: To approve the online payments for the 941-tax withholding and warrants 4914-4928 and the voiding of check 4913.

Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Layher, Bristle, Schaible, Lindemann, Huehl Nay: none CARRIED

12. Public Comment:

Adjourned at 10:00 pm

Valisa L. Bristle,
Clerk, Freedom Township